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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Thomas A. Dixon

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,11-13,28,29,34,35,37-44,46-62 and 64-78 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2,7-10,14-27,30-33,36,45 and 63 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 34,35,37-44,46-51,61,62 and 64-78 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,11-13,28,29,52,53 and 55-59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 54 and 60 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendments / Arguments

1. Claims 2, 7-10, 14-27, 30-33, 36, 45 and 63 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-6, 28-29, 34-35, 37-44, 46-62 and 64-78 remain.
2. The title submitted 01/07/03 is acceptable.
3. The terminal disclaimer submitted 09/22/03 is acceptable.
4. An updated review of Williams et al (5,999,918) necessitated the withdrawal of the indication of allowability and the new rejections below.
5. A careful review of the claims necessitated the 112 rejection below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 55-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 55-57 recite the limitation "said determining each financial product's effective asset mix with respect to the set of factor asset classes" in lines 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 58-59 recite the limitation "the relationship" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1, 3-6, 11-13, 28-29, 52-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Williams et al (5,999,918).

As per Claim 1.

Williams et al ('918) discloses:

displaying a set of one or more input objects, the input objects to receive input decisions including an indication of a target retirement age, an indication of a target level of investment risk or an indication of retirement income goal, see figure 6a (retirement age 65), 6d-e (risk and return confidence), and 6c (retirement income needs \$6,667);

displaying a set of output values, the set of output values including an indication of the probability of achieving the retirement income goal and an indication of the most likely retirement income in current dollars based upon one or more input decisions and a recommended set of financial products, see figure 1d (53%), wherein a subset of input objects (the slider) and a subset of the output values (53%) are displayed concurrently on the same screen;

receiving an updated input decision via one or more of the input objects, see figure 1d (Drag the slider to see how your contribution affects your plan, 18);

determining one or more new output values to reflect the one or more new output values, see figure 1e;

refreshing the set of one or more output values to reflect the one or more new output values, see figure 1e (20).

As per Claim 3.

Williams et al ('918) further discloses the target retirement is constrained to be feasible, see figure 6a (standard retirement 66, at what age do you plan to retire 65).

As per Claim 4, 44, 53.

Williams et al ('918) further discloses displaying the recommended set of financial products, the recommended set of financial products conditional on the one or more input decisions, see figure 1f.

As per Claim 5.

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Williams et al ('918) further discloses displaying a recommended allocation of wealth among those of the financial products in the recommended set of financial products, see figure 1f.

As per Claim 6.

Williams et al ('918) further discloses the recommended allocation of wealth is conveyed graphically, see figure 1f.

As per Claim 11.

Williams et al ('918) discloses:

concurrently displaying:

input objects in a first portion of a screen, the input objects to receive a level of risk 6d-e (risk and return confidence);

a set of one or more output values in a second portion of the screen, the set of output values including a short-term risk associated with reaching a financial goal, see figure 1d (53%);

receiving an updated input decision via one or more of the input objects, see figure 1d (Drag the slider to see how your contribution affects your plan, 18);

determining one or more new output values to reflect the one or more new output values, see figure 1e;

updating the second portion of the screen to reflect the one or more output values, see figure 1e (20).

As per Claim 12.

Williams et al ('918) further discloses a risk of the potential financial loss that might occur with a 5% probability within the next 12 months, see figure 11a (the downward sloping line).

As per Claim 13.

Williams et al ('918) further discloses the one or more outputs graphically, see figure 11a (the downward sloping line).

As per Claim 28.

Williams et al ('918) discloses:

a step of displaying a set of one or more input objects in a first portion of a first screen, the input objects configured to receive input decisions including a financial goal, from which a recommendation is determined, the recommendation including a recommended allocation of wealth from among a set of available financial products that are available to a particular investor for investment, see figure 1i, 1f and column 14, lines 25-61;

a step for displaying a set of output values in the first screen, the set of output values including an indication of the probability of achieving the retirement income goal based on the recommendation, see figure 1f (50) and column 14, lines 25-61;

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a step for graphically depicting a recommended allocation of wealth among the set of available products in a second screen, see figure 1f, g and column 14, lines 48-51.

As per Claim 29.

Williams et al ('918) further discloses the one or more input objects includes a target level of risk, see figure 1f (Good Return/Risk).

As per Claim 52.

Williams et al ('918) discloses:

receiving an indication of a financial goal of a particular investor, see figures 1i and 6a-e,

allowing an end user to interactively explore tradeoffs among time, savings and risk and their impact on a probability of the particular investor achieving the financial goal, see abstract, by

displaying one or more input objects in a first portion of a user interface screen, the input objects constrained to receive feasible input decisions relating to variables involved in pursuing the financial goal, the input decisions comprising an indication of a time horizon that is acceptable to the particular investor, an indication of a level of investment risk that is acceptable to the particular investor, and an indication of a level of savings that is acceptable to the particular investor, see figure 1d;

determining a recommended portfolio of one or more financial products from a set of financial products that are available to the particular investor for investment based upon the input decisions, see column 12, lines 32-61 and column 14, lines 48-51;

displaying a set of output values in a second portion of the user interface screen, the set of output values including an indication of the probability of achieving the retirement income goal based on the recommended portfolio and the time horizon, see figure 1d.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claim 54, 60 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. Claims 34-35, 37-44, 46-51, 61-62, 64-78 are allowable.

10. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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As per Claim 36, 43, 61.

Williams et al (5,99,918) or Edesess (5,884,287) in view of Baird (5,220,500) does not disclose or fairly teach:

identifying a relationship between future returns of each financial product of the set of financial products and future returns of combinations of one or more factor asset classes of a set of factor asset classes by determining each financial product's effective asset mix with respect to the set of factor asset classes.

As per Claim 70, 78.

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identifying a relationship between future returns for each financial product of a set of financial products and future returns of combinations of one or more factor asset classes of a set of factor asset classes by determining each financial product's effective asset mix with respect o the set of asset classes.

The claims that depend from the above allowed claims are also allowable.

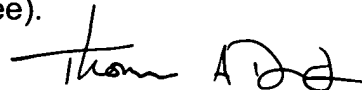
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Dixon whose telephone number is (703) 305-4645. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (703) 308-2702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Dixon", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Primary Examiner
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